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Dear Harold,

Your mailing of 9/24 received. Hal Verb has now gone through all of your recent correspondence with me and, I expect, will be in touch with you [redacted] concerning your pending trip out here. The Berkeley campus will probably be preoccupied with the Cleaver [redacted] controversy, but I expect that at least a non-paying appearance could be arranged. Hal and I will look into such matters.

I will return your ms on the executive sessions when Hal finishes; Jim has already gone through it. We agreed that extensive documentation is desireable. One additional comment on the "minutes" of the last session: the File Classification Manual has a section "PC - 10: Reporting Service" which might indicate that a reporter was present. This should probably be checked in person.

Thanks for the Watley report (CD 1179, p. 295-8), returned herewith. I don't have the relevant section of Coup; here are some independent observations: Most striking is that this is headed by Watley's name and address, while the allegation concerns Hall's rifle. The first part of the [redacted] Hathcock interview paraphrase concerns Watley (obviously CIA) but the only substantive connection is that Watley had sent Hall and Hemming to Hathcock. Why? Couldn't they pawn a rifle by themselves? Or was it Watley's rifle? Seems odd that Hemming made a fuss about Hall picking up the rifle (and apparently asked for documentation from Hathcock). It is noted that Garrison and Hall have publicly stated that they feel Hall was set up as a false lead or a patsy. Hmm.

Presumably Sid Marks had some reason for calling the FBI. Was it simply because he saw a rifle that "looked identical to" the [redacted] one shown on TV? Did he know much about rifles? (They all look the same to me.) Are they in fact similar? Marks is quoted with a description of "Skip" but not with one of the rifle. Maybe Skip had said something that aroused Marks' suspicion. Who is Marks, anyhow?

What goes with 3350 NW 18th Terrace, Miami? Some sort of CIA barracks, sounds like.

The style of this report is, for the FBI, uncharacteristically casual throughout. The last sentence is a classic. This report should be in one of the early LA CD's, such as CD 33. CD 1107 has a reference to "Skip" which may be related.... will check. Have you asked for the name files on Hathcock, Watley, Marks, Hall? It appears that the copy you [redacted] sent comes from the Marks file... was there anything else of interest?

Sincerely,

Paul